

REMARKS

Claims 1-21, 24-25 have been cancelled, and claims 26-74 have been withdrawn. Claims 22-23 stand allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2

The examiner rejects claims 1-21 and 24-25 for alleged indefiniteness. Applicant has cancelled the referenced claims. Thus, the rejection is now moot.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The examiner rejects claims 1-21 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over Nazarenko (U.S. 5,866,336) in view of Heller (U.S. 5,532,129). Applicant has cancelled the referenced claims. Thus, the rejection is now moot.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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